

Gladstone middle schoolers qualify for All-State Choir

Kraxberger Middle School students Marley Jo Iden [grade 8], Eowyn Coombe and Mikayla Bradley [both grade 7] qualified for the Middle School All-State Choir.

“They will get the opportunity to sing with top middle school singers from across Oregon this in January in Eugene,” said Choir Director Josh Weir. “They will also get to work with world-renowned conductors.”

PHOTO: Kraxberger students Eowyn Coombe, Mikayla Bradley, and Marley Jo Iden qualified for the All-State Choir.

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Wetten jog-a-thon raises over \$24,000

Students at John Wetten raised more than \$24,085 at their fall jog-a-thon. The top student fundraiser was Samael Perez, who brought in \$1,020 single-handedly.

Some of the funds raised will cover the cost of events throughout the year, including the dance party, the school carnival, staff appreciation, and staff conference dinners. In addition, the funds will be used for classroom supplies, field trips, technology, and school activities.

Top fundraisers won a limousine ride to McDonald’s for lunch or a class ice cream party.

PHOTO: John Wetten students Micah Bland and Abby Miller participated in their school jog-a-thon, which raised more than \$24,000 for classroom supplies, technology, and school activities.

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Gladstone High robotics team competes

Robotics Team 3131 from Gladstone High School took 4th place at the DW Fritz “Inventational” on November 9. To view a video from an early round of the competition, visit the Gladstone Robotics Facebook page.

“We had a fantastic day interacting with the other teams, and our team members had the chance to try new roles,” said mentor Steve Stewart. “In a competition against the strongest teams in the district, finishing 4th out of 10 was a bonus!”

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PHOTO: Alden Rivers, Brenden O’Hanlon, Bryson Williams, and Jacob Quenette of the Gladstone Robotics Team prepare for competition.

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Rotary donates dictionaries to Gladstone third graders

The Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary club donated dictionaries to all 143 third graders at John Wetten Elementary. The dictionary project has been a tradition for 10 years.

“Students were excited to discover the dictionary included information about the 50 states and the planets, as well as maps of the continents, and a copy of the U.S. Constitution,” said project coordinator Baldwin van der Bijl.

PHOTO: Mrs. Banka's third graders were excited to use the dictionaries they received from the Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary club.

4-H club donates to Gladstone Pantry

A local 4-H club called The Fuzzy Squad held a food drive and gathered 515 pounds of non-perishables for the Gladstone Food Pantry. This was their second year doing the project.

"To help us, they created an efficient system to weigh the food, then sorted the items and stocked our shelves," said Food Pantry Coordinator Alex Van Pelt. "This will mean a lot to the families we serve, especially with the holidays coming."

The Gladstone Food Pantry is located behind Gladstone High School off Nelson Lane. It is open Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. All are welcome.

PHOTO: The Fuzzy Squad 4-H club did a food drive for the Gladstone Food Pantry, donating 515 pounds of food to neighbors in need.
